

The Diary of an Engaged Girl

By Phyllis Phillips

My cousin Cecil is to be with us for several weeks, before proceeding to California. I am glad for he is most entertaining. How the girls do stare at him wherever we go; it's positively indecent. And he is so indifferent; I'd just love to get him all fussed up and crazy about me if I wasn't engaged. I fear he needs a jolt. Funny thing is that he thinks the same about me.

Played eighteen holes up at Van Courtland with Cecil this morning. It was great. He plays a nifty game and seemed surprised at my work on the course. Englishmen, I fear, are apt to forget that American girls are every bit as fond of outdoor sports as the English. I can see that there are innumerable ways in which I shall have to enlighten my misguided cousin before we part. Did I mention by the way, that Cecil has the loveliest long and very black eyelashes?

While on the links we passed a merry foursome of girls, who just couldn't drive off the sixth hole for casting sheep's eyes at old Cecil. I was so amused and he was so bored. Finally after listening to their giggling and light badinage as long as he could stand it, he made some rude remark to me about "ping teas on the links," and swung his driver about in a very peevish and masterful way.

I felt sorry for those maidens, because I just knew that they had been fondly thinking that the handsome stranger was watching their every move breathlessly. They simply could not play golf, but what they lacked in proficiency they made up for with pink ribbons and sweaters—and all the perquisites so adored by the amateur on the links.

I had to let Cecil know that I thought him a bear, and not a bit understanding of my sex, and he laughed and told me that he was not a specialist along those lines, nor ever desired to be.

I squealed him by beating him that hole, which as you will agree, was the best way to end all argument.

When we had finished our game we watched the sunset from the top of an old fence, and drank two bottles of ginger pop apiece. Cecil told me that I was one of the jolliest girls he had met in a long time. In fact he assured me quite seriously that he had never dreamed that they came so nice over here in the States! I told him a few things right there and then, and cleared the atmosphere considerably. We raced each other round one of the fields near the links, and had the best time ever; then ran gaily up the steps of home just in time for dinner.

I may have been mistaken, but mother seemed a bit ruffled at our appearance somehow or other, and told me in the same breath that Jack had called for me in his runabout, and that dad wanted to speak to me in his study after dinner. Another milestone has passed in my young career, I know. For this "study talk" is always an indicator to me.

I sidled into dad's study and perched myself on his knee, as familiar as you please, rumbled his dear hair and then lifted his chin very gravely, and asked him what he had to say for himself, to myself? Of course he laughed and pinched my cheek, and hugged me. That's one of the secrets between us, that we have religiously guarded from mother. This familiarity when alone!

Then dad cleared his throat, portentously and frowned hard at me.

I wrinkled my nose, and again we both laughed. "First of all," said dad, "I have something that may interest you, my dear," and with that he produced a box of my favorite maroon gloves. That always means that dad loves me harder than ever.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 13 years old and I have five younger brothers and sisters. I am in the seventh grade and when I am through school next year I want to go to work. I know a girl who gets \$15 a week in a factory and she does not work hard either.

My mother says I will have to stay home and help with the work. I won't get any money because we are poor and I never have nice clothes. I have one brother who works and he pays board now so that he has money besides. I won't have any good times because my folks won't let me go with fellows and my brother never takes me anywhere.

Do you think it is right that I must stay home and work? My fourteen-year-old brother is in my room at school and he doesn't want to get through school because then he will have to go to work. He is lazy and mean and tries to pile all the work on me unless I tattle on him all the time. What can I do about it?

MABEL

It is unfortunate that you have to leave school, but since you do, it will be better for you to stay at home than to work in a factory. The world is not kind to the young girl who works. She is met with insults and temptations which she has not the strength or wisdom to resist. Besides, it would be illegal to work in a factory at your age.

Until you are 18 you will have plenty to do at home. Bring as much cleanliness and happiness into your home as you can. Your brother who works will appreciate your efforts and when he realizes that you would like to go places with him probably he will take you.

Your parents show wisdom also in objecting to your going places with boys. You are too young as yet. At the age of 18, if you have followed the wishes of your parents, you will be grateful to them and see that in most respects they were right. There is plenty of time for you to have pretty clothes when you are older. Naturally you would like to have them now, but since you cannot, be happy in spite of your circumstances. Do not carry tales about your brother. Perhaps when he sees you are doing the right thing he will feel ashamed and change his habits.

Have you read "Pollyanna"?

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COUNTY DECIDES TO WAIT LONGER FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Through County Attorney Denver C. Harlan, the county commissioners issued a statement, Saturday, to the effect that action on improvement of the New Paris, Boston and Hagerstown pikes would be deferred because of economic conditions.

The excessively high prices of road building materials, and high wages, were given as outstanding disadvantages in making the improvement at present.

Mr. Harlan said that within a few months it will be found out whether prices are due for a downward curve or whether they are to stay upon their present level.

Will Not Be Needed.
"The improvement will not be needed this year and if they are undertaken at present it may mean an expenditure of \$100,000 more than is necessary," said Mr. Harlan. "As it is, the desired improvements will cost near a million dollars, and the commissioners believe in face of the fact that they are spending county money they should act cautiously."

The question of improvements in Wayne county had been delayed awaiting action on the county unit road bill which was just declared constitutional on April 1, by the supreme court.

WILL TOUR STATES

(By Associated Press)
CINCINNATI, O., April 12.—Representatives of 150 Cincinnati business houses will make a five-day tour, May 24 to 29, during which they will visit four states and inspect various industries. The itinerary will touch Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. The tour will be made under the auspices of the Trade Expansion Committee of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

STRIKE MAY

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shortage, and steel mills and coke ovens at Gary, Ind., were crippled seriously. Nine thousand men were idle at the American Sheet and Tin Plate plant at Gary.

The Lake Carriers' association at



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Toledo announced that the opening today of lake navigation had been postponed because of the rail tieup.

In requesting negotiations looking toward ending the strike, President Grunau of the local switchmen's new association, said contracts the railroads have with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America do not apply to members of his union.

"They do not affect the membership of the Chicago Yardmen's association," Grunau said, "as our members who were members of the other organizations, have, in nearly all cases, their resignations on file."

NEW YORK, April 12.—New York, with its back against the wall, struggled desperately today to free itself from the tentacles of the octopus-

like epidemic of unauthorized railway strikes.

Out of the maze of conflicting reports—of the new strikes called, and others threatened—railroad officials professed to see a ray of hope, because some passenger service had been maintained and food and milk trains managed to creep into the city.

Situation Still Grave.

It was admitted by the railroad offi-

cers, however, that the situation was grave, but they assumed the optimistic attitude that if they weathered today's storm, the situation would soon approach the normal.

The lull in business activities over Sunday gave the railroads a breathing spell in which to marshal their forces in handling the tide of commuters sweeping into the metropolis. Under normal conditions 700,000 persons come to the city each day.

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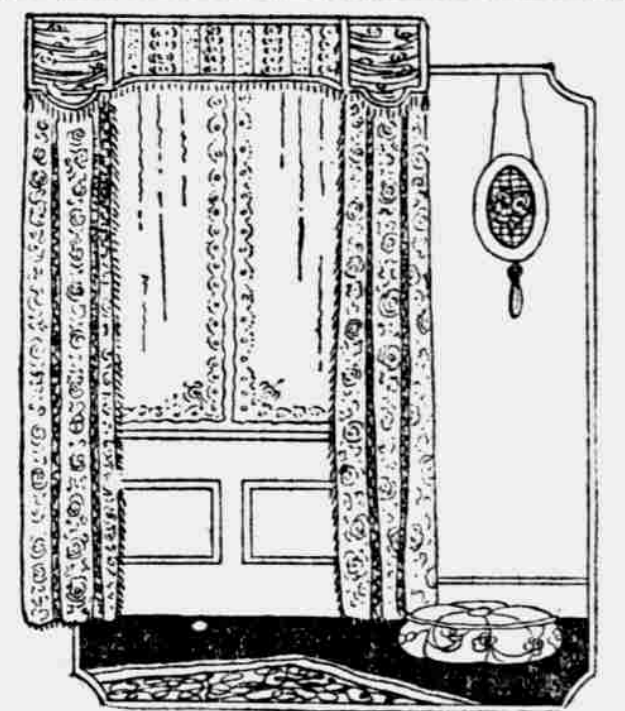
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\$19.75 = \$25.00 = \$29.75

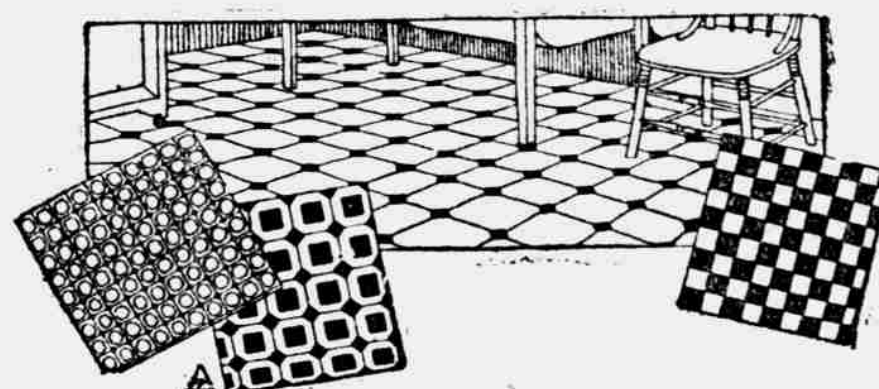
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